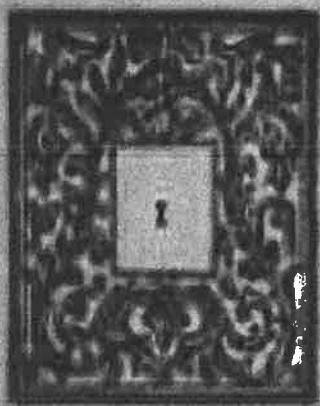


THE HAZARD FAMILY OF RHODE ISLAND

First Generation



THOMAS HAZARD, the progenitor of the Hazard family in the United States of America, was born in 1610; he died in 1680; he married, 1st, Martha —, who died in 1669. He married, 2d, Martha, widow of Thomas Sheriff; she died in 1691. His name is first found in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1635. In 1638, March 25, he was admitted freeman of Boston. Two years later he was admitted freeman of Portsmouth, Rhode Island. In 1639, April 28, he and eight others signed the following contract, preparatory to the settlement of Newport, Rhode Island: "It is agreed by us whose hands are underwritten to propagate a plantation in the midst of the island or elsewhere, and to engage ourselves to bear equal charge, answerable to our strength and estates, in common, and that our determination shall be by major voice of judge and elders, the judge to have a double voice." The founders and first officers of the town of Newport were William Coddington, Judge; Nicholas Easton, John Coggeshall, William Brenton, John Clarke, Jeremy Clarke, Thomas Hazard, and Henry Bull, Elders; William Dyre, Clerk. In 1639, June 5, he was named one of four proportioners of land in Newport, any three of whom might proportion it; "the company laying it forth to have 4d. an acre for every acre laid." September 2, 1639, he was admitted freeman of Newport, and in 1640, March 12, he was appointed a member of the General Court of Elections. In 1665, he was for a short time in Newtown, Long Island. In his will, proved 1680, his wife Martha, whom he calls his "beloved yoke-fellow," is sole executrix, and he gives her "all movable and immovable estate, as housing,

housing, goods, cattle, and chattels, etc." To his son Robert he gives 17. To his daughters, Hannah Wilcox and Martha Potter, wife of Ichabod Potter, 15. There is a long line of descendants from this daughter Martha, and Ichabod Potter, with frequent intermarriages in the Hazard family. In the early history of the family it was almost an exception to find a Hazard who did not marry a cousin, and it is a curious fact that the lines in which these marriages were the most frequent, were often marked by the strongest men and women, both mentally and physically.

These few meagre facts are about all that can be found at the present day of the founder of the Hazard family in America. But Thomas R. Hazard, in his *Recollections of Olden Times*, has given an account of the family that goes back, even beyond the name; its European founder being the Duke de Charante, living about 1060, on the borders of Switzerland. From the Duke de Charante he has given an interesting account of the changes in the name, until towards the close of the eighteenth century, when it was, and still continues to be, written Hazard. Willis R. Hazard, a descendant of Jonathan Hazard of Newtown, Long Island (according to whose opinion Jonathan was a son of Thomas Hazard, but by other authorities a nephew), has given us the chief characteristics of the family; and although his account was intended for the descendants of Jonathan of Newtown, it is equally applicable to the Rhode Island family. He says: "The Hazards are a strongly marked race, handing down and retaining certain peculiarities from generation to generation. One is, a peculiar decision of character, a certain amount of pride, and a pronounced independence, coupled with a slight reserve. Physically they are strongly marked. Generally speaking, they are of good stature and vigorous frames with rather a square head, high forehead, brown hair, blue eyes, straight or aquiline nose, and with will shown by a firmly set jaw. Their complexion is fair, a little inclined to florid."

Few families in Rhode Island have a brighter record than the Hazard family, where, if greatness is not always found, sobriety, honesty, and integrity make even the humblest lives worth studying; and when one finds, as is often the case, a retiring, unpretentious modesty combined with greatness, he must be pardoned for his enthusiastic admiration for the old family tree, that still sends out vigorous shoots after more than two hundred years of growth in America.

CHILDREN OF THOMAS HAZARD

1. ROBERT HAZARD, born 1635, in England or Ireland; died 1710; married Mary Brewster.
2. ELIZABETH HAZARD, married George Lowson.
3. HANNAH HAZARD, married Stephen Wilcox, son of Edward Wilcox.
4. MARTHA HAZARD, married 1st, Ichabod Potter, son of Nathaniel and Dorothy Potter; married 2d, Benjamin Mowry, son of Roger and Mary Mowry.

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On January 30, 1690, he and five other assistants, with the Deputy Governor, wrote a letter to their Majesties William and Mary, congratulating them on their accession to the crown, and informing them that since the deposition of Governor Andros, the former government under the Charter had been resumed, and mentioning also the seizure of Andros in Rhode Island, and his return to Massachusetts on demand of the latter colony.*

Lawton died October 5, 1693, and was buried in his orchard in Portsmouth.

CHILDREN

14. JABEL LAWTON, died April 1, 1730; married *Samuel Albee*.
15. JOHN LAWTON, married *Mary Bosmer*.
16. MARY LAWTON, married *John Babcock*, son of *James* and *Sarah Babcock*.
17. GEORGE LAWTON, died Sept. 11, 1697; married *Nancy Hunt*, daughter of *Bartholomew* and *Ann Hunt*.
18. ROBERT LAWTON, died Jan. 25, 1706; married Feb. 16, 1681, *Mary Wedell*, daughter of *Gerrish* and *Mary Wedell*.
19. SUIANNA LAWTON, died Dec. 9, 1712; married *Thomas Cornell*, son of *Thomas* and *Elizabeth Cornell*.
20. RUTH LAWTON, died April 15, 1726; married *William Wedell*, son of *Gerrish* and *Mary Wedell*.
21. MERCY LAWTON, died 1685; married Jan. 19, 1682, *James Tripp*.
22. JOE LAWTON, died Oct. 8, 1697.
23. ELIZABETH LAWTON, died 1724; married *Robert Carr*, son of *Robert Carr*.

§ 4. HANNAH HAZARD, 2 (Thomas, 1). There is no record found of birth or death. She married Stephen Wilcox (son of Edward). He was born 1633, or about that time, and died about 1690. They were married 1658. In 1658, Jan. 30, he had a deed of thirty-four acres from Thomas Hazard as dower with his wife. May 18, 1669, his name was in the list of inhabitants of Westerly. In 1670 he was complained of, with his partakers, by John Richards, Treasurer of Harvard College, for unjustly possessing five hundred acres in the Pequot country, on the east side of Pawcatuck River, within the bounds of Stonington.*

CHILDREN

24. EDWARD WILCOX, born 1662; married *Mary Hazard*, daughter of *Robert* (for children, see *No. 10*).
25. THOMAS WILCOX, died 1728; married *Martha*, daughter of *Robert* and *Mary Hazard*.
26. DANIEL WILCOX, married 1697, *Mary Wedell*.
27. WILLIAM WILCOX, married Jan. 25, 1698, *Dorothy Palmer*.
28. STEPHEN WILCOX, married 1704, *Elizabeth Crandall*.
29. HANNAH WILCOX, married *Samuel Clarke*, son of *Jeremiah* and *Ann (Audley) Clarke*.
30. JEREMIAH WILCOX, married *Mary Mallett*, daughter of *Thomas Mallett*.

§ 5. MARTHA HAZARD, 2 (Thomas, 1). There is no record of her birth. She married, first, Ichabod Potter, son of Nathaniel and Dorothy Potter. He died in 1676. She married, second, Benjamin Mowry.

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* R. I. Col. Rec., vol. 14, p. 258.

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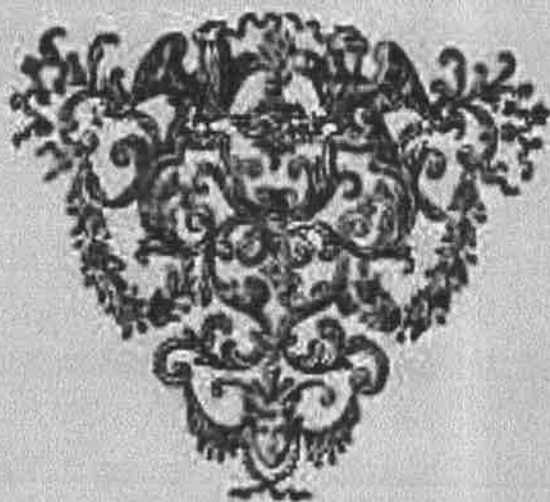
CHILDREN OF FIRST MARRIAGE

31. THOMAS POTTER, died 1728, married 1st, Jan. 20, 1687, *Susanna Tripp*; married 2d, *Lydia*, widow of *Thomas Sherman*, and daughter of *Daniel* and *Elizabeth (Cook) Wilcox*.
32. JOHN POTTER, born 1665; died 1715; married *Sarah*, daughter of *Samuel Wilson*.
33. ROBERT POTTER, died 1755; married *Elizabeth Wells*.
34. ISHABOD POTTER, died 1730; married *Margaret*, daughter of *Rose* and *Mary Helme*.

CHILDREN OF SECOND MARRIAGE

35. ROGER MOWRY, died 1710; unmarried.
36. JOSEPH MOWRY, died 1718; married *Sarah* ——.
37. BENJAMIN MOWRY, died 1719.
38. JOHN MOWRY, died 1718; married *Mary* ——.

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